



STUDY SKILLS FOR SPEAKING

- Always speak English in class – in fact in the School!
- Really try NOT to spend all your time outside the classroom with students of the same nationality too much temptation to speak your own language!
- Use all opportunities to practice your English with your host family! In the evenings, at weekends.
- Learn basic English greetings (“Hello, how are you?” “Could you repeat that please?” “I’m sorry, I don’t understand” “Yes, please”, “No, thank you”)
- USE the English you have learnt as soon as possible in social situations.
- Practise those phonemes (pronunciation sounds) that you find difficult. Use Online listening resources to help you (see Nell’s suggested websites)
- Listen very carefully to the English accents around you – try to hear the differences (there are many).
- Listen and make a note of new idiom, social English, slang, strange words you hear! Take them to class and then – if appropriate – use them in conversation.
- Practise using your English in different situations: in shops, asking for directions, buying travel tickets.
- DON’T be afraid that someone won’t understand *you*, OR that you won’t understand *them* – be brave and...

Useful Websites for Speaking Practice

General website giving many different resources:

Free ESL Learning Resources

http://www.eslinusa.com/free_ESL_learning_resources_Speaking.html

About.com. English as a 2nd Language

http://esl.about.com/od/speakingenglish/a/s_practicelist.htm

World English.org - many different language activities here....

<http://www.world-english.org/>

English Club.com

<http://www.englishclub.com/esl-exams/ets-toefl-practice-speaking.htm>

Excellent sites for links to Exam practice – speaking and other skills!

TEFL.net - <http://www.tefl.net/links/Examinations/>

Exam English.com

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